

C. Remarks

Applicants have responded to the restriction requirement with an election of Group I, Claim 1. The election is with traverse as explained further below. Applicants' election is without prejudice or disclaimer, and applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to all non-elected subject matter. Applicants have responded to the species election requirement with an election of a direct bond, S, and S for R₁, X and Y, respectively.

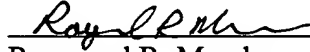
Applicants have also amended Claims 9 and 10 to incorporate the limitations of Claim 1 explicitly, thereby addressing the Examiner's improper multiple dependency objection.

Applicants respectfully submit all non-elected subject matter should be rejoined after an indication of allowability. With respect to non-elected species for R₁, X, and Y, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder upon an indication of allowability of the elected species in Claim 1. With respect to Claim 2, the Examiner is respectfully reminded MPEP §821.04, "Rejoinder", states, "if applicant elects claims directed to the product, and a product claim is subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims which depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be rejoined." Claims 3-8 should also be rejoined after an indication of allowability since they properly depend from and would, therefore, include all limitations of an allowed claim. Claims 9 and 10 have been amended to address the Examiner's dependency objection. Claims 9 and 10 should be rejoined after an indication of allowability.

Favorable consideration of the present claims is respectfully requested.

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